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Listing of the Claims

Will the Examiner enter the following :

Claim 1 (cancelled)

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (currently amended)

An instrument according to claims [[1 or 2]] **11 or 12** wherein said cavity mouth of said handle portion opens outwardly in spaced apart relation to one end of said shaft portion.

Claim 4 (currently amended and withdrawn from consideration)

An instrument according to claims [[1 or 2]] **11 or 12** wherein said handle portion is disposed at an obtuse angle to said shaft portion.

Claim 5 (currently amended and withdrawn from consideration)

An instrument according to claims [[1 or 2]] **11 or 12** wherein said handle portion is disposed at substantially right angles to said shaft portion and towards one end

Claim 6 (currently amended)

An instrument according to claims [[1 to 5 inclusive]] **11 or 12** wherein the girth of said handle portion exceeds that of said shaft portion.

Claim 7 (currently amended and withdrawn from consideration)

An instrument according to claims [[1 or 2]] **11 or 12** wherein said handle portion and said shaft portion have the configuration of a truncheon

Claim 8 (currently amended)

An instrument according to claims [[1 or 2]] **11 or 12** wherein said handle portion and said shaft portion have the configuration of a baton.

Claim 9 (currently amended and withdrawn from consideration)

An instrument according to claims [[1 or 2]] **11 or 12** wherein said handle portion and said shaft portion have the configuration of a walking cane.

Claim 10 (currently amended)

An instrument according to claims [[1 to 9 inclusive]] **11 or 12** wherein said shaft portion is suitably apertured for reception of a tie or thong for supporting same for carriage or storage.

Claim 11 (new)

In an instrument of defence wherein a handle portion for an integral shaft portion has a free end and a cavity with a mouth opening outwardly from the free end thereof for the reception of a spray dispensing unit including a spray head mechanism with a depending fluid reservoir, the cavity and reservoir having an axis of alignment and presenting opposed axially extending boundary surfaces of mating configuration substantially throughout their extent and of a tolerance such that in mated alignment under a press fit such boundary surfaces exert sufficient frictional gripping engagement therebetween to anchor same against separation when transported or in combat and with said spray head mechanism sufficiently exposed at the cavity mouth for the ready actuation of same on demand.

Claim 12 (new)

In an instrument of defence, a handle portion for an integral shaft portion, the handle portion having a free end and a cavity with a mouth opening outwardly from the free end thereof for the reception of a spray dispensing unit including a spray head mechanism with a discharge orifice on one side, a displaceable spring-biased operating lever disposed toward the other side and with a depending fluid reservoir, the cavity and reservoir having an axis of alignment and presenting opposed axially extending boundary surfaces of mating configuration substantially throughout their extent and of a tolerance such that in mated alignment under a press fit such boundary surfaces exert sufficient axially extending frictional gripping engagement therebetween so as to anchor same against

separation, and with the spray head mechanism disposed within the cavity mouth, the cavity mouth presenting a surrounding edge formation with a suitable contour exposing the discharge orifice on one side and with a slot formation exposing the displaceable spring-biased operating lever on the other side for displacement within the slot formation to dispense fluid spray.